Color Vowel Lab Class
for Blue Canoe learners
with Karen Taylor
Color Vowels in the real world:
Strategies for teaching yourself spontaneously
Today’s Question

What can I do in public places instead of using an “open hand,” like in a meeting?
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- It can help you perform tricky vowel sounds
Move your hand for **moving vowels**

*associate* (noun)
But what is the Open Hand, really?

It’s a formalized version of what English speakers do all the time.

We’ll watch two video clips. What do you see each speaker doing?
STOP WISHING
START DOING!
"THIS IS MY GREATEST ADVICE TO YOU!"
The Open Hand is a simple substitute for speech gestures.

Did you notice?
- Speech gestures occur on the stressed syllables!
- The speaker uses gesture to reinforce their message.
- Using gesture is an expected part of speaking English, so give it a try!
Let’s finish with a review of the vowel sounds of English.
See you next time!

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